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- A method for collecting sales and/or use taxes on remote sales, said method includes the steps of:
  - a) collecting by sellers information regarding remote sales made by buyers;
  - b) calculating securely the correct taxing jurisdictions sales and/or use tax to be paid by buyers for remote sales;
  - c) collecting by sellers from buyers the correct sales and/or use tax;
  - d) transmitting by a seller to an agent the aggregate totals of sales and use tax transactions;
  - e) collecting by an agent the correct sales and/or use tax received by sellers; and
  - f) paying each taxing jurisdiction the taxes that are due.
- 2. The method claimed in claim 1, wherein buyers are given a receipt for the taxes they have paid.
- 3. The method claimed in claim 1, wherein the seller's sales are also segmented for each buyer.

- 4. The method claimed in claim 1, further including the step of:
  reporting to the taxing jurisdictions the taxes that have been collected.
- The method claimed in claim 1, further including the step of:
   filling reports for sellers with the taxing jurisdictions for the taxes that have been collected.
- 6. The method claimed in claim 1, further including the step of:
  filing tax returns for sellers with the taxing jurisdictions for the taxes that have been collected.
- 7. The method claimed in claim 1, further including the step of: giving sellers financing to pay the sales and/or use taxes that are due.
- 8. The method claimed in claim 1, wherein the buyer information segmented by the agent may be accessed by an unique identifier.

- 9. The method claimed in claim 1, wherein the seller information segmented by the agent may be accessed by an unique identifier.
- 10. The method claimed in claim 9, wherein a taxing jurisdiction may access seller information segmented by the agent for that jurisdiction with an unique identifier.
- The method claimed in claim 10, wherein the identity of the seller remains secret.
- 12. The method claimed in claim 11, wherein the agent reveals the identity of the seller if there is a suspicion of fraud based upon the segmented information.
- 13. The method claimed in claim 10, wherein a seller is given notice that a taxing jurisdiction is studying its segmented sales and/or use taxes collected.
- 14. The method claimed in claim 10, wherein a seller may review the seller's segmented sales and/or use taxes collected before the taxing jurisdiction studies the seller's segmented sales and/or use taxes collected.

- 15. The method claimed in claim 10, wherein a taxing jurisdiction may access the segmented sales and/or use taxes collected only after specified time period has passed.
- 16. The method claimed in claim , wherein the taxing jurisdictions pay the agent for services rendered by the agent.
- 17. The method claimed in claim 9, further including the step of: identifying potentially seller fraudulent behavior by running various checks of the segmented information.
- 18. The method claimed in claim 1<sup>-</sup>, further including the step of: identifying a strange drop-off in the number of seller transactions in the segmented information.
- 19. The method claimed in claim 17, further including the step of: examining the history of seller transactions in the segmented account to determine seller trends.

- 20. The method claimed in claim 17, turther including the step of: comparing the transaction volume, dollar volume and transaction types relative to other similar sellers.
- 21. The method claimed in claim 17, further including the step of: identifying an inordinate number of cancelled transactions in the segmented transactions.
- 22. The method claimed in claim 21, further including the step of: establishing watermarks for different types of businesses to identify an inordinate amount of returned merchandise for a particular type of business.
- 23. The method claimed in claim 17, further including the step of: notifying the taxing jurisdiction of the seller's potentially fraudulent behavior.
- 24. The method claimed in claim 17, further including the step of identifying patterns that indicate that a seller may not be reporting the entire amount of taxes collected.

- 25. The method claimed in claim 17, further including the step of: examining cancelled transactions.
- 26. The method claimed in claim 1, further including the step of: receiving responses from buyers indicating acceptance of the sale.
- 27. The method claimed in claim 1, wherein an agent pays a taxing jurisdiction taxes that are due to other taxing jurisdictions.
- 28. The method claimed in claim 1, further including the step of: transmitting from the seller to the agent a log of all sales and use tax transactions.
- 29. The method claimed in claim 1, further including the steps of: purchasing by one of the taxing jurisdictions goods and/or services from the seller;

transmitting from the seller to the agent, a log of specified sales and use tax transactions;

transmitting from the agent to one of the taxing jurisdictions a log of specified sales and use tax transactions; and

comparing the taxes charged by the seller for the goods and/or services purchased by the seller with the log of transactions.

- 30. The method claimed in claim 29, further including the steps of: determining if the seller has reported the appropriate information to the taxing jurisdiction.
- 31. The method claimed in claim 30, further including the step of:
  establishing improper behavior by the seller when the information reported to the
  taxing jurisdiction differs from the information obtained by the taxing jurisdiction
  from the seller for the goods and/or services purchased by the taxing jurisdiction.
- 32. The method claimed in claim 29, further including the steps of: determining if the seller has reported all appropriate taxes to the taxing jurisdiction.
- 33. The method claimed in claim 29, wherein the taxing jurisdiction utilizes an agent to purchase the goods and/or services.

- 34. The method claimed in claim 29, wherein the taxing jurisdiction utilizes an alias to purchase the goods and/or services.
- 35. The method claimed in claim 1, further including the step of storing securely a log of sales and/or use tax transactions.
- 36. A method for collecting sales and/or use taxes on remote sales, said method includes the steps of:
  - a) collecting by an agent seller's information regarding remote sales made by buyers;
  - b) calculating the correct taxing jurisdiction's aggregate total sales and/or use tax to be paid by buyers to sellers for remote sales transactions;
  - c) collecting by sellers from buyers the correct sales and/or use tax;
  - d) collecting by an agent the correct sales and/or use tax received by sellers; and
  - e) paying by an agent each taxing jurisdiction the taxes that are due.
- 37. The method claimed in claim 36, wherein buyers are given a receipt for the taxes they have paid.

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- 38. The method claimed in claim 36, wherein the seller's sales are also segmented for each buyer.
- 39. The method claimed in claim 36, further including the step of: reporting to the taxing jurisdictions the taxes that have been collected.
- 40. The method claimed in claim 36, further including the step of:
  filling reports by the agent for sellers with the taxing jurisdictions for the taxes that have been collected.
- 41. The method claimed in claim 36, further including the step of:
  filling tax returns by the agent for sellers with the taxing jurisdictions for the taxes that have been collected.
- 42. The method claimed in claim 36, further including the step of: giving by the agent sellers financing to pay the sales and/or use taxes that are due.

- 43. The method claimed in claim 36, wherein the buyer information segmented by the agent may be accessed by an unique identifier.
- The method claimed in claim 36, wherein the seller information segmented by the agent may be accessed by an unique identifier.
- 45. The method claimed in claim 44, wherein a taxing jurisdiction may access seller information segmented by the agent for that jurisdiction with an unique identifier.
- 46. The method claimed in claim 45, wherein the identity of the seller remains secret.
- 47. The method claimed in claim 46, wherein the agent reveals the identity of the seller if there is a suspicion of fraud-based upon the segmented information.

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- 48. The method claimed in claim 45, wherein a seller is given notice that a taxing jurisdiction is studying its segmented sales and/or use taxes collected.
- 49. The method claimed in claim 10, wherein a seller may review the seller's segmented sales and/or use taxes collected before the taxing jurisdiction studies the seller's segmented sales and/or use taxes collected.
- 50. The method claimed in claim 45, wherein a taxing jurisdiction may access the segmented sales and/or use taxes collected only after specified time period has passed.
- 51. The method claimed in claim 36, wherein the taxing jurisdictions pay the agent for services rendered by the agent.
- 52. The method claimed in claim 44, further including the step of: identifying potentially seller fraudulent behavior by running various checks of the segmented information.
- 53. The method claimed in claim 52, further including the step of: identifying a strange drop-off in the number of seller transactions in the segmented information.

- 54. The method claimed in claim 52, further including the step of: examining the history of seller transactions in the segmented account to determine seller transactions.
- 55. The method claimed in claim 52, further including the step of:

  comparing the transaction volume, dollar volume and transaction types relative to other similar sellers.
- 56. The method claimed in claim 52, further including the step of: identifying an inordinate number of cancelled transactions in the segmented transactions.
- 57. The method claimed in claim 56, further including the step of: establishing watermarks for different types of businesses to identify an inordinate amount of returned merchandise for a particular type of business.

- 58. The method claimed in claim 52, further including the step of: notifying the taxing jurisdiction of the seller's potentially fraudulent behavior.
- 59. The method claimed in claim 52, further including the step of identifying patterns that indicate that a seller may not be reporting the entire amount of taxes collected.
- 60. The method claimed in claim 52, further including the step of: examining cancelled transactions.
- 61. The method claimed in claim U6, further including the step of: receiving responses from buyers indicating acceptance of the sale.